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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An artificial nail attachment method comprising the steps of:

coating a fingernail with a thermoplastic resin coating material, [[and]]

[[after]] drying said thermoplastic resin coating material ~~has dried~~, ~~bonding an artificial nail to said nail by means of~~

applying a coating of an instantaneous adhesive agent ~~from above on top of~~ said thermoplastic resin coating material; and

bonding said artificial nail to said fingernail by means of said coating of instantaneous adhesive agent.

Claim 2 (original): The artificial nail attachment method according to Claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic resin coating material is of an aqueous type.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~A solution used for attaching an~~ The artificial nail to a fingernail attachment method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~solution is a~~ thermoplastic resin coating material comprising 1 to 5 wt % of polyvinyl alcohol added to an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer emulsion.